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MANIFESTO OF VIETNAMESE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTYSUSPENSION OF L'ECHO DU VIET NAM -- Le Journal d'Extreme Orient, 11 Jan 49

The newspaper L'Echo du Viet Nam has been suspended for 8 days, starting  
10 January, by decision of the Commissioner of the Republic in Indochina.

The reason for the suspension was the paper's publication of a manifesto  
of the Social Democratic Party (Parti Social Democrat) which "in both content and form,  
constituted an ambiguous and insidious act of propaganda capable of being dangerously  
interpreted by readers." The document was considered inexact and extremist "and  
of such nature as to jeopardize the position taken by the South Viet Nam Government  
and France in the effort they are pursuing to establish mutual understanding."

MANIFESTO OF VIETNAMESE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY -- L'Echo du Viet Nam, 4 Jan 49

The Commission for Interprovincial Affairs in western Nambo (Cochinchina),  
conveys this message to the director of L'Echo du Viet Nam.

In the name of civic justice, we request that the following Manifesto of  
the Social Democratic Party of Viet Nam, as drawn up 6 December 1948, be published:

(Signed) Commission for Interprovincial  
Affairs in Western Nambo  
Secretary General and Commission Chairman  
Le Van Kinh  
7 December 1948

Manifesto  
[in Annamese]

The Social Democratic Party of Viet Nam (Viet Nam Dan Chu Xa Hoi Dang),  
which for the past 2 years has guided the national anti-Communist movement in  
South Viet Nam, has upon many occasions published statements defending ex-Emperor  
Bao Dai, when the latter was conferring with French officials to establish a basis  
for a real, unified, and independent government.

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At this very moment, the Comintern is plotting intervention in Viet Nam, in order to join forces with the Viet Minh, of whose members only a minority are Communists. And yet the French Government continues to vacillate before the Bao Dai solution.

We, who number almost 2 million, including party members, native troops affiliated with Vietnamese political parties, and anti-French resistance fighters in the contested areas, stoutly contend that there is only one Vietnamese government capable of bringing about real unity and independence, and which will have enough of a faithful following to restore peace and order to Viet Nam. That is the government of ex-Emperor Bao Dai, who could endure exile for the sake of his country.

To serve the cause of world peace is difficult, but all great democratic powers have the goodwill to pursue this objective. We call upon the French Government immediately to hold continuous deliberations with ex-Emperor Bao Dai to solve the question of Viet Nam and its government, and to recognize the truly unified nation of Viet Nam.

If, some day soon, because of French administrative oppression and greed, the Communist extremists acquire the means to manipulate the political situation of Viet Nam, the French rulers of Viet Nam must accept full responsibility before world public opinion including that of the French people, who love liberty, justice, and humanity.

Western Hambo, 12 December 1948  
Social Democratic Party of Viet Nam  
Commission for Interprovincial Affairs  
Secretary General and Commission Chairman  
La Van Kinh

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